GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2121
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Road and Railway Lines in North-East
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and spent on the construction of roads and railway lines in the North-Eastern States in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
(b) whether the length of roads and railway lines per square kilometre in the NE region is less than the national average; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to bridge this gap?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Dr. Jitendra Singh]

(a) to (c) A statement is annexed.

Annexure
Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2121 for answer on 15.03.2017.

(a) Roads- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways have allocated funds and spent on road construction in the North Eastern States in the last 3 years as follows:-
(Rs. in crore)

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Sl. No. States 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
Allocation Expenditure Allocation Expenditure Allocation Expenditure
1. Arunachal Pradesh 2.5 1.09 2 0.5 2.4 1.83
2. Assam 200 198.1 145 139.2 75 73.3
3. Manipur 52 54.39 50 32.6 40 40
4. Meghalaya 47 33.61 50 43.41 15 15
5. Mizoram 25 20.57 40 39.53 35 28.4
6. Nagaland 43 44.65 50 46.2 50 46.27
7. Sikkim 0 0 0 0 0 0
8. Tripura 0 0 0 0 5 0
Total [National Highway (Original)] 369.5 352.4 337 301.5 222.4 204.8
Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE) 2994 3009 3000 2843 4930 4803
Grand Total [NH(O) + SARDP-NE] 3364 3361 3337 3144 5152 5008

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Railway Lines - Ministry of Railways allocates funds project-wise for Railway projects. Funds allocated and spent for the projects of new lines, gauge conversion and doubling in North Eastern Region during the last three years are as under:

Year Funds allocated

2013-14 Rs.3392 crore
2014-15 Rs.5200 crore
2015-16 Rs.5338 crore

(b) & (c) Roads - The total length of NHs in NER is about 50 km per 1000 sq.km area, whereas the National Average is about 34.4 km per 1000 sq. km area.

Railway Lines - Against a national average of 20 km/1000 square kilometre railway network density, North Eastern States have an average railway network density of 10.1 km/1000 square kilometre. 12 new line works have been taken up in North Eastern Region having a total length of 1248 km at a total cost of Rs.38416 crore. Funds have been increased during last three years for speedier execution of projects in North Eastern Region.